



## *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* *Partners in Faith Newsletter*

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### **WEEKLY PRAYER**

Lord, as we anticipate the Epiphany, may we continue to celebrate the birth of your Son during this Christmas Season. Bless us as we begin the tasks of the New Year and keep us Holy and faithful throughout the year. We ask these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **WELCOME BACK!**

We will begin the New Year with a Christmas party to continue our celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We look forward to a wonderful 2012 and pray that the Lord blesses each of your families with health and safety throughout the year.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

In order to provide enough refreshments for the party, we ask that each family brings something if they can.

A through K please bring Fruits/Veggies  
L through R please bring drinks  
S through Z please bring chips or cookies

If your name begins with:

We will also be playing a Christmas movie.

### **CONFIRMATION COLLECTION FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER**

Please don't forget to bring your socks, toiletries, mittens, scarves and hats for the poor. IF POSSIBLE we would like each child to provide one item for the confirmation kids to take to the Good Shepherd Center when they visit. Please bring travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste and mouthwash as well as combs, disposable razors, men's socks, men's gloves and men's hats to the Religious Education office on 4, 8, or 11 January. If you cannot afford one of the above items, perhaps just a can of food for their food pantry? The Confirmation candidates will deliver them when they do their service visit. THANK YOU for your generosity!

### **ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

Today we celebrate the feast day of Elizabeth Ann Seton. Born into the Episcopalian faith, Elizabeth grew up in the high society of New York. She married wealthy William Seton and was quite happy with her life. Then everything seemed to fall apart. Will's father died and left him the family business and seven half brothers and sisters. Shortly thereafter the business was bankrupt and Will's health failed. They sailed for Italy in hopes of starting again, but Will caught Tuberculosis and died. Before returning to the States, she converted to Catholicism. Upon her return she started the first free Catholic school in America, then with two others established a new order of sisters. Known as Mother Seton, she raised her children and started two orphanages and another school. Today, six groups of sisters trace their beginnings to Mother Seton. She was canonized in 1975 as the first native born American to be so honored.

### **NATIVITY MASSES**

Saturday – 5 pm / Sunday 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:45 am (Spanish) and 12:30